AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior versions and listings in the Application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously presented): A device for applying a scaling factor to a horizontal scan of a scanner comprising:

a switching device having a first input terminal and a second input terminal, said switching device receiving at said first input terminal thereof an input signal including a number of bits, said switching device having an output terminal producing thereat a signal selected from said input signal and a second signal responsive to a first clock cycle number;

an addition device having a first input terminal and a second input terminal and operable to produce at an output terminal thereof a sum of a signal provided to said first input terminal and a signal provided to said second input terminal, said output terminal coupled to said second input terminal of said switching device and providing thereto said second signal;

a shifting device having an input terminal coupled to said output terminal of said switching device and having an output terminal coupled to said second input terminal of said addition device, said shifting device being operable to produce at said output terminal thereof said selected signal shifted a number of bits

corresponding to a clock cycle number; and

an output terminal coupled to said output terminal of said shifting device and providing thereat an output signal upon a second clock cycle number.

Claim 2 (Original): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said shifting device is formed by winding conducting wires.

Claim 3 (Original): The device as claimed in claim 2, wherein said shifting device is a bus shifting circuit formed of logical gates.

Claims 4 - 6 (Cancelled).

Claim 7 (Previously presented): A method for applying a scaling factor to a horizontal scan of a scanner comprising the steps of:

providing an input signal including a sequence of pixel values, each of said pixel values being represented by a predetermined number of bits;

right-shifting said input signal ~~n~~ *t* bits to produce a shifted signal;

adding said input signal and said shifted signal to produce a summed signal; and

changing the value of *t* prior to said summed signal right-shifting step;

right-shifting said summed signal a number of bits equal to the value of *t* to

produce a t-shifted signal;

adding said summed signal to said t-shifted signal to produce a new summed signal;

repeating the method at said value of *t* changing step with said new summed signal as said summed signal until a predetermined number of cycles have been executed; and

right-shifting said summed signal 2 bits to produce an output signal.

Claim 8 (Cancelled).

Claim 9 (Previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the method repeating step includes the step of setting said predetermined number of cycles to $(\log_2 n - 1)$, where n is at least 2^i more than the predetermined number of bits ~~of~~ representing a pixel in said input signal, i being an integer.

Claims 10 - 11 (Cancelled).

Claim 12 (Currently amended): A device applied to scaling factor of horizontal scan of a scanner, comprising ~~mainly~~:

an input operable to receive an input signal;

at least an adder connected to said input;

at least an adder connected to said input;

at least a shifter ~~with~~ having an input terminal ~~thereof~~ connected to said input for right shifting said input signal, and an output terminal ~~thereof~~ connected to an input of said adder for output of said right shifted input signal, said adder adding said right shifted input signal to said input signal to provide a combined signal to an output of said adder; and

an end shifter ~~with~~ having an input terminal ~~thereof~~ connected to said output of said adder and an output terminal ~~thereof~~ connected to an output, said end shifter right shifting said combined signal ~~operable~~ to produce thereat an output signal that is a scaled reduction of said input signal.

Claim 13 (Original): The device as claimed in claim 12, wherein said shifter is formed by routing wires.

Claim 14 (Original): The device as claimed in claim 12, wherein said shifter is a bus shifting circuit formed of logical gates.

Claim 15 (Cancelled).

Claim 16 (Previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said switching device is a multiplexer.

Claim 17 (Previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said first clock cycle number is one and said second clock cycle number is $(\log_2 n - 1)$, where n is at least 2^i more than said predetermined number of bits, and i is an integer.

Claim 18 (Previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 7, where said t incrementing step includes the step of changing t by a factor of 2.

Claim 19 (Currently amended): The device as claimed in claim 12, wherein said at least an adder includes a plurality of series-connected adders and said at least a shifter includes a plurality of shifters, each of said shifters providing a right shift of a respective input thereto, each of said series-connected adders coupled at a first input thereof to an output of an adjacent one of said plurality of adders and coupled at a second input thereof to an output of a corresponding one of said plurality of shifters for adding said output of said adjacent adder to said output of said corresponding shifter, said corresponding shifter being coupled at an input thereof to said output of said adjacent adder, said end shifter being coupled at an input thereof to an output of a last one of said plurality of adders.

Claim 20 (Previously presented): The device as claimed in claim 19, where said plurality of adders and said corresponding plurality of shifters are equal in number to at least ($\log_2 n - 1$), where n is at least 2^i more than a predetermined number of bits of said input signal representing a pixel, i being an integer.